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SIG Group #2 Proposal

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Your SIG focus. In particular, indicate what focus you will have in each of the 4 common places in education: the teacher, the student, the subject matter, and the context.

For our focus we decided to use a unit we both teach, The Catcher in the Rye. We both wanted a concrete product to carry into our classroom next year. A website seemed like a way we could collaborate and share resources for a common goal. We can both upload resources and share ideas for our students. We wanted something we could use as teachers to help make our classroom a more approachable place. It allows students to find additional resources and collaborate with peers. It ties right into our English context and will be something we can use in our classrooms at the start of the unit. It also will be geared towards high school students, which we both teach. We were also thinking of including a link to a blog to further collaboration.

Your members and their special areas of emphasis within your SIG.

Melissa Benoit: High School English Teacher

Emily Mullins: High School English Teacher

What twitter hashtag will you be using for your SIG.

#CITR810

Outline which technology you have chosen to pursue, the pedagogical reasoning behind choosing this technology and how you will learn and disseminate what you have learned to the class (and the edtech world at large)

We have chosen to do a website for our SIG project. Since neither one of us has made a website, we figured this would be a worthwhile challenge. It would also create a place for our students to access assignments, gain additional resources, and talk with each other. Students will be able to access the website from school and from home, so if they need extra information or were not in school, they still know what is going on. Since the webpage will be public, we will be able to show other class members, as well as other educators in general. We also could do a screencast for our presentation where we walk through our webpage and discuss what we did and why we chose it.

Annotated List of Resources created in the social bookmarking tool you chose as a group. This is a list of resources (online and otherwise) you have identified for your SIG along with your own annotations describing the resources and their contribution to your SIG. After you collect and annotate the resources here you must tweet them using your SIG hashtag

For our social bookmarking tool, we have chosen “Diigo” because it’s easy to use and easy to share resources. We have created a group called CEP810 which has our annotated resources and reasons why we chose each resource for our SIG project. The link to this is: <http://groups.diigo.com/group/cep810>. I will also send you an email inviting you to join the group.

Link to SIG presentation

<http://citr810.weebly.com/>

Reflection

We spent a lot of time trying to figure out what we wanted to do for our SIG project. At first we were confused as to what the expectations were. Were we supposed to pick a research topic? Pick something we wanted to create for our classroom? Finally as we started working, we realized we could do both. We could create a meaningful product for our students and classroom, dig into what we were creating from a pedagogical stance, and also know it would be beneficial to our students on a real-life level. This way what we look into and create will actually be put to use. We’re still looking at resources and working on our website, but overall we feel we have a much better grasp on the assignment and we’re excited to see what the final product will look like. :)